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Mission and Function of the Command

As indicated in the Foreword, the primary mission of the Naval Academy is to prepare young men for careers in the U. S. Navy or the U. S. Marine Corps.

More specifically, the official mission is:

To develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to provide graduates who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship, and government. (3)

3. This current mission was officially promulgated by SECNAV Notice 5450 of 11 March 1960.

Graduation

On 3 June 1970, the Class of 1970 graduated. Of the 630 men in the class, 84 graduated with distinction; 728 were commissioned into the Navy and 103 into the Marine Corps. Four foreign nationals were in the class. Midshipman S. M. Zavadiy, Midshipman D. L. Pike, and Midshipman J. L. Snee stand one, two, and three, respectively, in the class.

Annex 40 summarizes the graduating and commissioning of the Class of 1970 as well as the distribution of those commissioned. The significant totals of those commissioned U. S. Navy are:

Surface Ships	219
Naval Aviation	294
Nuclear Power	144
Immediate Graduate Study	53
Supply Corps	12
CEC	5

The commencement address to the Class of 1970 was given by Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., USN, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific. See Annex 41, Graduation Program and Annex 42, Press Release on Admiral McCain.